



## SENSATIONS DEVELOP

### PERKINS IS OBIDURATE

### Committee Demands that Company's Books Be Shown.

### BUCKNER EXPLAINS ENTRIES

### Insurance Investigation Committee Bring Out Some Remarkable Testimony Regarding Equitable and New York Life Insurance Companies.

New York, Sept. 28.—Several sensational incidents developed at the session of the legislative committee on life insurance investigation today.

The first was when George W. Perkins, vice president of the New York Life insurance company and a member of the committee, was asked concerning the company's policy of producing the books of its firm, showing a certain transaction of that firm with the New York Life. Perkins offered to present a copy of the entry in question from the books, but Attorney Hughes demanded the books after several refusals on the part of Perkins.

The books will be produced later.

In the course of his testimony, Perkins, when asked concerning a difference in the statement "profits from securities" in the Massachusetts report of the committee and "no profits from securities" in the New York report said: "When we get national supervision, we won't have these conflicts between the different states."

Perkins testified to a number of transactions in which he represented Morgan & company, as a seller and the New York Life insurance company as a purchaser. Another sensation was sprung later in the day, when Vice President Thomas A. Buckner, of the New York Life detailed the advances made by agents and which were carried in the report to the state superintendent of insurance as "computing renewal of premiums." It was brought out as a matter of fact, that these advances were loans, but were not carried as such. Buckner testified that advances were made to agents sometimes as an inducement to get them to leave other companies and enter the employ of the New York Life.

While Perkins was on the stand during the afternoon, there was somewhat of a clash between the witness and Mr. Hughes, the first of anything of this nature that has occurred since the committee began its sessions. It was when Perkins was testifying in regard to moneys in the New York Life insurance company's fund, of which he is trustee.

Perkins did not want to appear on the records that the agents put part of their salaries into the fund under contract unless the words "and bonuses" appeared. He said to Hughes that he (Hughes) was trying to get away from something and counsel hotly returned that he was not and that if Perkins would answer his question much better progress could be made with the investigation.

Later in the day Winthrop, of the Equitable while on the stand presented a statement of transfers of the stock of the Equitable at the time of its change of management and directorate. Most of the transfers, Winthrop was able to explain, but some he was not. At the time of these transfers, Winthrop was a holder of 25 shares. He thought the actual owner was James H. Hyde, as he turned the checks for dividends over to Hyde.

### PEACE TREATY WILL BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK

M. Witte Will Report to Czar While Count Lamdorff Presents Treaty.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—The Russo-Japanese treaty will be signed during the first few days of next week. M. Witte, who had a long interview and luncheon with Foreign Minister Lamdorff today, will be received at Peterhof to give the emperor a report of the conference, but the treaty itself will be taken to Peterhof by Count Lamdorff, whose countersignature is required to complete the execution of the instrument.

## NEW CASES INCREASE

### Pensacola Now Leads New Orleans in Number of Deaths.

### Though Indication Show a Larger Number of New Cases in the Crescent City They are Caused by the Unverified Reports of the Day Before.

Pensacola, Sept. 28.—Report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 7; total, 122; deaths, 5; total, 21; cases under treatment, 53; cases discharged, 48.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—Report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 23; total, 2941; deaths, 4; total, 384; new foci, 8; cases under treatment, 261; discharged, 2296.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—There were indications of a larger list of new cases today, because of the large list of suspicious cases reported the day before being verified, but at that the number of new cases are small and shows that a steady decline can be expected henceforth. Patterson reports eight new cases and two deaths. Kennon, four new cases, and one death.

## SOCIALISTS ACTIVE

### GOVERNMENT ALARMED

### "Universal Suffrage" Is Cry of Hungarian People.

### POPULAR SENTIMENT AFLAME

### Provincial Cities Are Preparing to Send Massed Deputations to Buda Pest to Offset Proposed Socialist Demonstration—Army in Readiness.

Buda Pest, Sept. 28.—There is no abatement in the popular unrest, although today passed off without serious outbreaks in any quarter. The socialists gathered again tonight, this time in front of the Imperial club, but the police were more energetic than last night, and dispersed the groups as soon as they formed thus preventing disorder.

At a meeting of the democratic clubs it was decided to hold a grand torchlight procession in the near future. This decision gives rise to some uneasiness and it is possible that the procession will be postponed until after the conference of the supporters of the coalition parties in October.

It is reported that the provincial cities are preparing to send a massed deputation to Buda Pest on October 2, in order to offset the proposed socialist demonstration of 50,000 workmen for universal suffrage. The commanding officers of the regiments in various sections of the country have refused leaves of absence to their subordinate officers until the situation becomes clearer. All sorts of rumors are afloat which have the effect of keeping the popular sentiment aflame, but the best informed persons believe the efforts of the conservative element will shortly be felt and the solution of the difficulty will be reached without a rupture of the dual realm.

### FUSION IN SAN FRANCISCO

### Democrats and Republicans Nominate Joint Ticket.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—A complete fusion was effected tonight by the democratic and republican municipal conventions and a joint ticket was nominated.

John S. Partridge, (republican) was nominated for mayor.

The minority faction in the republican convention, commonly designated as the "Reuf" faction gave notice that it would not be bound by the choice of the majority.

### FIRST SNOW FALLS IN BOURNE.

Sumpter, Sept. 28.—The mountaineers report the first snow of the season. In the highlands surrounding Bourne, light falls have occurred in the early mornings. The ground has been covered, but the snow has always disappeared before noon. Old citizens, who take pride in their weather knowledge, say that the very warm and dry summer that has just died, will be followed by an unusually severe winter.

### SHIP A DEATH HOUSE.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 28.—The British bark Lester Castle is in Royal roads awaiting orders, having just arrived in ballast from Acapulco, where some of her crew were attacked by yellow fever.

Captain Crosby was the first attacked. He was buried at sea. His mate, Captain Spragge, navigated the vessel here, under exceptional difficulties.

### WOMAN DROPS DEAD WHILE OPENING BIBLE

### Mother of McMinville Pastor Drops Dead While Leading Prayer Meeting

Portland, Sept. 28.—While conducting prayer meeting services at the Selwood Baptist church last night, Mrs. Phoebe J. Adams, assistant city missionary, dropped dead. She had just opened a Bible, and was about to read from the scriptures, when she suddenly placed her hand over her heart and remarked, "I feel so queer." The next instant she reeled and pitched forward to the floor. Medical aid was summoned, but she was dead in a few minutes.

Mrs. Adams was one of the best-known workers on the Pacific coast. She was about 60 years of age, and the mother of Rev. F. H. Adams, of the First Baptist church of McMinville.

A short service will be held, tomorrow, at 1:30 p. m., at Selwood church, and at 3:30 p. m., there will be a public service, in her memory, at the White Temple. H. O. Stone, president of the city board of missions will preside. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. John Bentzien and Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, D. D. The body will probably be taken to New York for burial.

### KAUFFMAN MAKES GOOD.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Al. Kauffman, the local heavyweight, signalized his entrance into the professional ranks tonight by knocking out Harry Foley, in the first round with a right swing to the jaw.

## ROANOKE ON FIRE

### Starts From Cigarette Dropped By Stevedore in Her Hold.

### Steamer Left Sunday Ahead of the Storm for San Francisco With Freight and Passengers From This City—No One Injured.

A dispatch from San Francisco, co. received by the "Morning Astorian" at 2 o'clock this morning, will prove of unusual interest to many people in this city as the steamer referred to left here with freight and passengers bound for the Bay City at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, just ahead of the storm, that has been raging along the coast for the past few days and which delayed her one day on her trip down, as she should have arrived there on Tuesday morning.

The dispatch is as follows: San Francisco, Sept. 28.—The steamer Roanoke caught fire as she was lying at the Clay street wharf tonight and for a few moments there was a panic among the passengers. The blaze started from a cigarette, which a stevedore dropped upon a bag of salt-peter in the hold some distance aft.

The only damage was done by the water, with which the crew drenched the cargo of wheat, the extent of which cannot be determined until the vessel unloads at San Pedro.

The Roanoke arrived here from Portland on Wednesday and sailed for San Pedro tonight.

### MANY VOTERS REGISTER

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—According to figures compiled by Registrar Adams, the total registration for the coming election will foot up to 98,000.

This figure is subject to very few changes and represents the total registered vote as the registration has been closed. Never before has so many voters been enrolled in this city.

## AUDACIOUS ROBBERY

### BANK IS VICTIMIZED

### Stranger Receives Valuable Securities for Nothing.

### FORGER MAKES HIS ESCAPE

### Clever Forger Secures \$360,000 in Gilt Edged Securities From Well Known National Bank of New York—Detectives Working on Case.

New York, Sept. 28.—The details of a scheme whereby a city national bank was recently victimized by a clever forger, came out today. The forger presented a bogus check bearing the name of well known stock exchange firms and received in return securities valued at about \$360,000.

Pearl & company, stockbrokers at 27 William street, recently negotiated a one day loan of \$300,000 with this unnamed institution. On Wednesday a check for the amount of the loan, plus \$37.50 for one day's interest was presented at this bank by a stranger, who received the securities deposited by Pearl & company, for their loan.

The bank on which the check was drawn was one with which Pearl & company never had an account, so the forgery was not discovered until the check passed through the clearing house, when it was promptly branded as fictitious.

A private detective agency was at once called in and a transfer of the securities was immediately stopped. The detectives intimate that they have a clue to the identity of the forger, who is believed to have had one or more accomplices. It is believed that the forger had an intimate knowledge of Pearl & company's affairs.

E. A. Slayback, the junior member of Pearl & company, said:

"I have been asked not to divulge the name of the bank concerned, so can only say it is rich and if the forgery does involve any loss, the bank will be amply able to stand it.

"The odd amount of the forged check," added Mr. Slayback, "represents one day's interest at 4 1/2 per cent. As a matter of fact the loan is recorded on our books at 4 1/2 per cent. It is clearly evident that somebody must have had a knowledge of the loan. Yet had it been some one in our employ the interest would have been computed at 4 1/2 per cent."

The securities offered by Pearl & company, for their loan and surrendered by the bank for a piece of worthless paper include 1000 shares of the United States Steel, common; 1000 shares of Rock

Island, 1000 shares of the Missouri Pacific; 700 shares of the North America company; 47 of the American Tobacco company bonds and some Wabash bonds.

### GERMANY IS PLEASED

### Claims Franco-German Accord Refutes England's Statement.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—The Franco-German accord with regard to Morocco gives great satisfaction here, as it secures Germany's reasonable interests and at the same time recognizes the preferred position of France in that country. It is said that the agreement disposes at once and for all the charges made by the English press, that Germany is merely pursuing a policy of trouble making, or using the Moroccan question for the purpose of promoting ulterior designs of a general political character.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

Seattle, Sept. 28.—Seattle, 3; Portland, 2.  
San Francisco, Sept. 28.—San Francisco, 0; Los Angeles, 2.  
Spokane, Sept. 28.—Oakland, 0; Tacoma, 2.

### ROCKEFELLER UPHELD.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 28.—In the Unitarian congress today H. O. Nelson, of St. Louis ridiculed the belittling of John D. Rockefeller, who he said, "made his money in honest business ventures."

## BINGER NOT FORGOTTEN

### Oregon Representative Must Soon Face Trial Jury.

### Secretary of State Hitchcock Says Ex-Commissioner of General Land Office Will Soon Receive His Dues—Intends to Follow Investigations.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Secretary Hitchcock, today intimated that the next alleged land fraud conspiracy case to receive the attention of the government, would probably be that of W. N. Jones et al., and following it the cases against Representative Binger Hermann, ex-commissioner of the general land office, indicted in Oregon and also in the District of Columbia.

"We have a lot of cases in Idaho, said Secretary Hitchcock, "and I have reason to believe that the extent of this offending has been very great, and we intend to follow the investigation, no matter where it strikes."

Secretary Hitchcock complained about the difficulties placed in the way of the government cases. Every obstacle possible, he declared, was being interposed to block the government in its prosecutions.

### TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Sept. 28.—Western Oregon, western Washington: Friday, fair, warmer in the interior.  
Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington: fair and warmer.

## ARGUMENT CLOSED IN MEAT PACKERS CASE

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Judge Humphrey, today heard the closing arguments in the plea in abatement filed by the packers against the indictment charging them with illegal methods of conducting business.

The court declared that while it was possible he would hand down a decision tomorrow, it was not certain that he would do so.

The grounds on which the abatement of the indictment was sought by the packers are that the grand jury returning the indictments was illegal because

it was not publicly drawn as required by law; that the defendant were deprived of their right to challenge the jurors; that Judge Bethes, sitting in the eastern district of northern Illinois, had no right to receive or return an indictment returned from the northern district of the same division; that a member of the jury was not legally made a member of that body, and that the government officials had no right to reproduce before the grand jury a transcript of the evidence previously heard by them, unsworn and unverified, but presented as an abstract of the evidence.

## CONSULTING ENGINEERS SAIL FOR PANAMA

New York, Sept. 28.—The board of consulting engineers and several members of the Panama canal commission sailed today for Colon on the steamship Havana. Their purpose is to inspect the work already done on the canal, and also its proposed route in order to report to the commission, the best kind to finally build. Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of the commission said:

"If the board gives its unanimous opinion in favor of a certain kind of canal, it is probable that the commission will favor that form of canal as the very best. If they give a majority and minority report it will rest entirely with the commission which one to accept, or whether it will reject both, the commission will advise the president of its decision and he in turn will notify congress."